

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace [0026] with the following amended paragraph:

[0026] System 266 also includes a transferring device 250, which can be arranged and used as the clamping drive described in co-pending U.S. Patent Application No. 09/820,740, entitled "APPARATUS FOR ADVANCEMENT OF PAPER IN A NON-LINEAR PATH", the disclosure of which is hereby incorporated by reference in its entirety. Transferring device 250 can also be arranged and used as the clamping drive described in co-pending U.S. Patent Application No. 10/084,459 entitled "SYSTEM FOR HANDLING FOLDED SHEET MATERIAL SHEET DELIVERY AND CLAMPING" (attorney docket no. 10015158, filed on even date), the disclosure of which is hereby incorporated by reference in its entirety. For example, transferring device 250 can be used to secure stacked folded sheet material to pivotable collecting device 202 during a stapling operation. Alternatively, transferring device 250 can be any means for transferring sheet material.

Please replace [0030] with the following amended paragraph:

[0030] A method for transferring folded sheet material is provided, including a step of receiving a first portion of the folded sheet material (e.g., first portion 206 of folded sheet material 210 in Figure 2A) on a first supporting side of a pivotable collecting device (e.g., first supporting side 246 of pivotable collecting device 202). In Figure 2A, first portion 206 of folded sheet material 210 is clamped by transferring device 250 and rotated such that first portion 206 enters a space between tires 264 and first supporting side 246. A fold 214 in folded sheet material 210 can be created by folding apparatus 234, which can, for example, be arranged and used as described in any of the following co-pending applications, all filed on October 5, 2001, the disclosures of which are hereby incorporated by reference in their entirety:

Application No. 09/970,877 "SHEET FOLDING APPARATUS WITH PIVOT ARM FOLD ROLLERS" (attorney docket no. 10001418), Application No. 09/970,730 "SHEET FOLDING APPARATUS" (attorney docket no. 10013280), Application No. 09/970,748 "THICK MEDIA FOLDING METHOD" (attorney docket no. 10013508),

Application No. 09/971,351 "VARIABLE MEDIA THICKNESS FOLDING METHOD" (attorney docket no. 10013507), and Application No. 09/970,840 "SHEET FOLDING APPARATUS WITH ROUNDED FOLD BLADE" (attorney docket no. 10013506). Alternatively, folding apparatus 234 can be arranged as any means for folding. Also, in this position, stapling device 252 is moved out of the way of transferring device 250 and folded sheet material 210 (as shown in Figure 5).

Please replace [0039] with the following amended paragraph:

[0039] Exemplary embodiments of the present invention can be modified to include features from any or all of the following copending applications, all filed on even date herewith, the disclosures of which are hereby incorporated by reference in their entirety: U.S. Patent Application No. 10/084,459, entitled "System for Handling Folded Sheet Material", (Trovinger, S.) Attorney Docket No. 10015158; and U.S. Patent Application No. 10/084,460, entitled "Booklet Maker", (Trovinger, S.) Attorney Docket No. 10014012.